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rem aut vice Gubernatorem aut ducem Capitalet Copiarum sive Exercituum nostrorum intra Coloniam sive plantationem supra dictam pro tempore existente esse Volumus ad hoc provideatis diligenter super premissis facere inquisitionis ac premissa omnia et singula audiat et terminetis ac ea facietis et expleatis in forma supra dicta futura inde quod ad Justitiam poteret secundum Leges et constitutiones Coloniae sive plantationis supra dictae aut (tam prope quam poterit) secundum Leges et Statuta Regni nostri Angliae salvis nobis amerciametis et aliis ad nos inde spectantibus, Mandamus enim tenore presentium omnibus vice Comitibus et aliis officiariis ac Ministris nostris ad quos ea res poteret intra Coloniam sive plantationem supra dictam quod ad istos dies et loca quos vos vel aliqui duo vel plures vestrum (quorum Gubernatorem aut vice Gubernatorem aut ducem Capitalet Copiarum sive Exercituum nostrorum intra Coloniam sive Plantationem supra dictam pro tempore existente unum esse Volumus) venire facient coram vobis vel duobis vestrum (ut supra dictum est) tot et tales probos et legales homines de Colonia sive plantatione supra dicta pro quos rei veritas in premissis melius scire poterit et inquiri In cujus rei Testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentis teste nos ipso apud Westmonasteriensem decimo sexto die Novembris Anno Regni nostri vicessimo octavo.

BARKER.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

VIRGINIA IN 1652-1653.

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)

(CONTINUED)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 3, 1652.

That George Raymond, Master of the Hopewell of London, bound for Virginia have licence to keep aboard him 16 men free from being imprest to the service of the Commonwealth.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 60, p. 49.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 27, 1652.

That a Warrant be issued for the protection of 34 men and a boy upon the Two Brothers of London burthen 300 tuns, and 18 men and a boy upon the Sarah Bonadventure both bound for Virginia, from being impressed to the service of the Commonwealth.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 61, p. 43.)

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
September 27, 1652.

That Mr. Thurloe do speak with Edward Gibbons and John Cutting concerning the taking of a ship of theirs by the Virginia Fleet and inform himself from them where the said ship now is.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 159, p. 35.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, October 7, 1652.

That the petition of the widows of the ship's company John whereof Capt. Dennis was Commander bound for Virginia in the service of the State and therein lost be referred to the Committee of the Admiralty, who are to consider of the condition of the petitioners and thereupon to report to the Council what further allowance they think fit to be made to the said widows in consideration of the loss of their husbands in the service and to present their opinions to the Council.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 62, p. 1.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, October 22, 1652.

That a pass be granted to the ships William & John, the John and Katherine, the Honour, the Planter, the Hopewell Adventure, the Golden Lyon, the Charles, the Anthony, the Margaret, and the John & Thomas to pass to Virginia with their ships Company and passengers free of molestation.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 62, p. 59.)

ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, November 9, 1652.

That the petitions of Mrs. Stagg relict of Capt. Stagg and also of Mrs. Dennis relict of Capt. Dennis both cast away in

the ship John in the State's service in her voyage to Virginia, be referred to the consideration of the Committee for the Admiralty who are to consider what may be done for the relief of the petitioners and report their opinions.

That the petition of Capt. Edmund Curtis, Commander of the Guinea Frigate be referred to the consideration of the Committee for the Admiralty.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 63, p. 52.)

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
November 22, 1652.

Upon reading the petition of Owen Lloyd, it is ordered that it be reported to the Council as the opinion of this Committee that a letter be written to such person or persons as are or shall be entrusted with the Govern't of Virginia upon the petitioner's address to him or them to do him justice against such as have wronged him so far as they are not protected by the Articles of Virginia.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 159, p. 68.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, December 2, 1652.

That there be a standing Committee of the Council for the business of Trade and Plantations and also for Foreign Affairs and that the number of them be one and twenty. And that the Lord Commis'r Whitelocke, Lord Commis'r Lisle, Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Bond, Mr. Scott, Lord General [Cromwell], Mr. Love, Col. Walton, Col. Purefoy, Sr. Arthur Hesilrige, Lord Bradshaw, Mr. Chaloner, Col. Morley, Mr. Strickland, Sir William Masham, Col. Thomson, Col. Sidney, Major Lister, Mr. Gurdon, Sir Gilbert Pickering and Mr. Alleyn or any five or more of them be this Committee.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 8.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, December 7, 1652.

That the petition of Nicholas Smith and Thomas Mason, planters in Virginia be referred to the consideration of the Committee for the Admiralty.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 42.)

WARRANT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SALE OF DUTCH PRIZES, December 27, 1652.

Whereas there hath been a petition presented to this Council by Thomas Alexander, John Horne, Nicholas Trott, George Holcroft, William Claybourne, John White, Gabriel Benyon, Richard Glover and Daniel Benyon, praying for restitution of several hogsheads of tobacco of theirs, which was seized in a Dutch vessel coming from Virginia—it appears that most of the petitioners were actually at the reducing of Barbadoes and Virginia and performed their services faithfully, that after the reduction of said Island to obedience they bought several parcels of Virginia tobacco with some goods which they carried hence with an intention to trade when said Island should be reduced & that the same were shipped upon their own account aboard a Dutch vessel by leave of the Governor of Virginia in regard there was then no English vessel there. Whereupon & in regard the Act of Parliam't of 3 Oct., 1650, prohibit'g trade with Barbadoes, Virginia, Bermudas & Antigua is not in force as to the English. The Council think fit that their said goods be restored to them. These are therefore to require the Comis'rs for sale of Dutch prizes to deliver said tobacco to Petit'rs according proof made of their propriety thereunto in Court of Admiralty.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 99, pp. 155-6.)

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
December 27, 1652.

Upon reading petition of Nicholas Haywood, Job Nutt and others desiring Commissions for private men of war for the better defence of the ships *Golden Fortune* and *Peter* in their voyage to Virginia whither they are now bound, it is the opinion of this Committee that it be reported to the Council That in respect they are bound upon a trading voyage to Virginia and in their course may meet with ships belonging to the enemies of this Commonwealth whom they cannot assault without a Commission, that Commissions be granted to said two ships according as is desired and do further offer That if the Council shall think fit said ships be obliged not to proceed on their

intended voyage until the Channel shall be clear or a sufficient convoy can be appointed for them.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 160, p. 20.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, January 3, 1652-3.

That it be referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider of the settling of the government of Virginia and to report their opinions therein to the Council.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 180.)

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

January 19, 1652-3.

Having taken into consideration the order of the Council referring to them the settling of the Government of Virginia and having received petition from Col. Mathews on behalf of that Plantation, It is Ordered that said petition be presented to the Council with the opinion of this Committee that in regard the several letters and papers addressed to the Council concerning Virginia were reported to the Parliament and thence referred to the Committee for the Navy where they are now depending the settling of said Governm't cannot be speedily proceeded in, and that therefore in the interim it will be necessary in regard an answer to those things is much pressed that a letter be written to the present Governor of Virginia by the ships now ready to sail thither to let him know that the business of that Plantation is under consideration & in particular the addresses made on the behalf of that place by Col. Matthews and that a Duplicate of the Commission and Instructions given to the persons sent for reducing Virginia be sent with said letter. They having no authority to show for their proceedings there in regard the Commission & Instructions carried along with them were cast away upon that Coast in the ship John.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 160, pp. 46, 47.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, January 21, 1652-3.

Upon reading petition of William Underwood, Sheriff of the City of London, Alexander Bence, John Greensmith, Thos. &

Wm. Allen, John Owen, John Harris, John Jeffries, Thos. Potter & other Proprietors of the ships, The William & John, The John & Katherine, The Planter, The Honor, The Hopewell Adventure, The Golden Lyon, The Charles, The Anthony, and The Margaret, It is Ordered that licence be given to said ships as also the ships The Seven Sisters, and James to sail for Virginia and that a warrant be given to them for the protection of their seamen and warrants to the Judges of the Admiralty to give them Letters for Private Men of War and that liberty be given to carry with them shoes to that Plantation, provided they exceed not amongst them all one thousand dozen pairs and that they give security to the Commiss'rs of the Customs that they will carry said shoes to that Plantation & to no other place. That said petition be recommended to the Commiss'rs for the Admiralty to consider what number of men are fit to be allowed to each ship & report their opinions to the Council.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 280.)

TWO WARRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE
COMMISS'RS OF THE CUSTOMS, WHITEHALL,
January 24, 1652-3.

For the ships above named (see Order 21 Jan'y) to carry 1000 dozen pairs of shoes for the use of the Plantation of Virginia.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 287.)

WARRANT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE JUDGES OF
THE ADMIRALTY, WHITEHALL, January 24, 1652-3.

To issue out Commissions for private men of War to William Underwood & others for the ships above-named (see Order 21 Jan'y) of the united burthen of 3300 tuns & carrying 225 guns.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 287.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, February 2, 1652-3.

That licence be given to Nicholas Hayward, Job Nutt and others Proprietors of the Golden Fortune and The Peter, bound for Virginia to carry upon each ship five hundred dozen of shoes

and to keep upon each ship sixteen men for the preservation of their ships, they giving in the names of such persons as they desire.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 96, p. 323.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, April 1, 1653.

That license be granted to Sir John Clotworthie Kn't to transport into America five hundred natural Irish men.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 69, p. 45.)

PETITION OF DIVERS MERCHANTS AND OTHERS TRADING TO
VIRGINIA AND OTHER PLANTATIONS IN THE WEST

INDIES, May 28, 1653.

It hath been the ancient practice of divers Nations to make new discoveries of places fit for Plantations and to settle Colonies thereon, thereby to advance trade, increase Navigation and other great advantages, which undertakings as of great consequence to this Commonwealth, so they could not be carried on by private persons alone but have required a public purse and encouragement. And whereas the plantations of Virginia, Bermudas and other islands in America have been many years planted and thousands of this nation with their families are there seated and unless supplied from hence must live in great want of clothing & other necessities, or for want of arms & ammunition must be exposed to the cruelty of the barbarous Indians or otherwise admit free trade with the Dutch their & our enemies & have their commodity of tobacco taken off from them to Holland & other parts or else through the want of trade desert their plantations, which inconveniences petitioners humbly offer must unavoidably ensue unless the planting of tobacco in England be timely prevented. To which purpose petitioners addressed themselves to the House of Parliament with their reasons and allegations, whereupon in April 1652 an Act was passed to prohibit the planting of tobacco in England, yet notwithstanding pet'rs have received certain information that there will be more made in several places of this Commonwealth this year than hath usually been in one year brought from Virginia. Are humble suitors to their Honors to take the

premises into serious consideration together with Reasons annexed and that said Act for the prohibition of planting tobacco in England may receive some encouragement and vigour from this honourable Council.

Signed by Samuel Mathews Agent for the inhabitants of Virginia and Seventy five others.

Annexed.

Reasons why the English Plantations abroad ought to be encouraged and the planting of tobacco in England, according to an Act of Parliament in April 1652 prohibited.

Reasons why the planting of tobacco in England is very prejudicial to the said Plantations and to this Commonwealth.

(*Colonial Papers*, Vol. 12, Nos. 5, 5, I.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, June 22, 1653.

That the letter from the Governor of Virginia bearing date the — day of — be referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider of the particular business therein offered to the Council, & likewise of what answer is fit to be given thereto, and to report their opinion upon one & the other to the Council.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 97, p. 391.)

PETITION OF DIVERS MERCHANTS ADVENTURERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON trading to Virginia and other Foreign Plantations, to the Council of State, July 20, 1653. Whereas by an Act of Parliament of 1 April 1652 the sowing planting and curing of English tobacco is absolutely prohibited for several weighty reasons (part of which reasons are annexed). Notwithstanding which prohibition many inhabitants of the Counties of Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Hereford, &c., have in contempt of said Act proceeded to sow & plant several thousands of acres of the best land with said weed And whereas power is given by said Act to grub, cut up, destroy and utterly consume such tobacco. But by reason of resistance already made and the cruel threats and menaces of the planters of said weed, pet'rs are utterly deterred from the prosecution of said Act, whereby the transgressors thereof are encouraged with a

high hand to proceed in contempt thereof. Pray for assistance by soldiers or otherwise whereby said Act may be effectually maintained.

Signed by W. Underwood, Wm. Allen and 34 others.
Indorsed "left to take their remedy at law."

Annexed.

The reasons above referred to being part of those annexed to petition of 28 May 1653, which see.

(*Colonial Papers*, Vol. 12, Nos. 88, I.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, July 20, 1653.

Upon reading petition of divers Merchants Adventurers within the City of London trading to Virginia and other Foreign Plantations, complaining of the planting of tobacco in England. It is ordered That the pet'rs be left to take such course in the business complained of in their petition as is allowed of by the Law in that case made and provided,

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 76.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, August 4, 1653.

That the order of the Committee of Parliament for receiving petitions concerning the petition of Samuel Mathews Esq. be referred back to the said Committee who are desired to report the same to Parliament.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 175.)

WARRANT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE COMMISS'RS
OF CUSTOMS, WHITEHALL, August 27, 1653.

To permit Robert Cordwell and Richard Kittlebewter to transport to Virginia one hundred dozen of shoes, they paying custom for the same.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 286.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 7, 1653.

That letters of private men of war be granted for the Abraham 120 tons, carrying 14 guns, the Jane 140 tons carrying 17 guns, and the Thomas 90 tons carrying 10 guns bound for Virginia

and Barbadoes on a merchandizing voyage and that said letters be granted for this voyage only.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 345.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 12, 1653.

That a Warrant be issued to the Judges of the Admiralty to grant letters for Private men of war to the Bonadventure 100 tons carrying 14 guns, the Mayflower 160 tons carrying 18 guns and the Hope 120 tons carrying 8 guns all bound upon a trading voyage for Virginia to grant them against the Dutch only and to be only for this voyage.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 365.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 24, 1653.

That liberty be granted to Richard Netherway of Bristol to transport from Ireland to Virginia 100 of the Irish Tories.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 405.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, September 27, 1653.

That a letter be written to the Governor, Council and Burgeses of the next Grand Assembly in Virginia to recommend unto them the case of Owen Lloyd to desire them to use some means for relieving of him and his relations in reference to his former suffering in Virginia.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 98, p. 418.)

ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, November 15, 1653.

That Col. James, Col. Jones and Mr. Anlabie or any two of them be appointed a Committee to consider of the propositions made by Mr. James Freez concerning the transporting of vagrant persons to Foreign Plantations and to report their opinions concerning the same to the Council. That a Warrant be issued to the Master of the ship * * * bound for Virginia strictly to require & enjoin him to deliver unto Robert Broome his son Bart. Broome being of age of about eleven years & which was lately brought on board his ship as he will answer the contrary at his peril.

That a Warrant be issued out for the apprehending of Avis dwelling in or about St. Katherine's and for the carrying of her before the next Justice of the Peace in order to be proceeded against according to law for stealing away the child of Robert Broom and carrying him aboard a ship bound for Virginia.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 100, pp. 63, 64.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, November 24, 1653.

That Warrants be issued to the Commiss'rs for the Customs to permit and suffer the several ships hereafter named to proceed to Virginia and to transport servants and passengers on board them and also 150 dozen of shoes in each ship without any let, viz :

The Report, Edward Dunning, Mas'r.
 The John & Katherine, John Miller, Ma'r.
 The Honor, John Price, Master.
 The Margaret, Robert Fox, Master.
 The Charles, Thomas Wilson, Mast'r.
 The Anthony, Hugh Wilson, Mast'r.
 The King David, John Boswell, Mast'r.
 The Golden Fortune, Samuel Tilman, Mast'r.
 The Richard & Benjamin, John Whitty, Mast'r.
 The John & Thomas, Thomas Pott, Mast'r.
 The Amity, John Tully, Master.
 The Seven Sisters, Abraham Read, Mast'r.
 (*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 100, p. 109.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, November 26, 1653.

That a Warrant be issued to the Commiss'rs for the Customs to permit Philip Eure, Master of the William of London to transport to Virginia 150 dozen of shoes for use of that Plantation and also his full number of passengers.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 100, p. 119.)

ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, December 6, 1653.

That a Warrent be issued to the Judges of The Admiralty to issue a commission for a Private Man of War to Thos. Hard-

ingham Master of The Eagle of Yarmouth burthen 200 tons, bound upon a trading voyage to Virginia, and this commission to be in force only for this voyage.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 100, p. 172.)

ORDER OF COUNCIL OF STATE IN REGARD TO VIRGINIA.

(Copy.)

State Papers. Domestic. *Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 103, No. 21, 2.

Thursday 29th December 1653.

On reading the petition of Colonell Samuel Mathews Agent for Virginia, directed to the Lord Protector. It is ordered and declared in Council by his Highness that a letter be prepared to the Governor & General Assembly of that Colony, to encourage them and to establish the present Governor until further order. And that the other part of the said petition be referred to Mr. Strickland and Sir An. A. Cooper who calling to them Mr. Winslow Coll. Mathews and such others acquainted with the affaires of that plantation as they shall thinke fitt, are to consider how the same may for the future be settled to its advantage benefitt and security and to the service of this Commonwealth, as alsoe how the questions betwixt the Lo. Baltimore and the people of Virginia concerning the bounds claymed by them respectively may with most justice & equity be determined to which purpose they are to send for all papers referring thereunto which were in the hands of the late comittee of the Navy or of any other and thereupon to state the whole matter and report the same to his Highness.

NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR "THE BUSINESS OF VIRGINIA"

December 29, 1653.

Mr. Strickland, Sir An. Ashley Cooper with Mr. G. Lambert and Sir Ch. Worsley, added 10 January.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 144, p. 2.)

THE LORD PROTECTOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE
GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ENGLISH
PLANTATION OF VIRGINIA, WHITEHALL, January 4, 1653-4.

Colonel Mathews the Agent for Virginia, hath diligently attended the dispatch of some business referring to the peace and settlement of that Colony, the perfecting whereof hath been obstructed by the many public affairs here depending. It having pleased God to alter the government of this Commonwealth by entrusting the same to a Lord Protector and successive triennial Parliaments as they may perceive by the platform of government herewith sent & proclamation annexed which they are forthwith to have published, address has been made to his Highness by Col. Mathews's petition for determining those matters which have so long depended, whereupon his Highness hath been pleased to put into an effectual way the speedy resolution of those questions betwixt Lord Baltimore and the inhabitants of Virginia concerning the bounds by them respectively claimed and also to settle the government & other concerns of that Plantation, wherein they may receive his Highness' particular determination in due time, in the mean time the safety, protection and welfare of that plantation is under his serious thoughts and care. And to the intent it may not suffer any inconvenience by the unfixedness of the Governm't His Highness has thought fit to continue Col. Bennett (of whom his Highness hath received a good character) in execution of the place of Governor till his Highness shall further signify his pleasure in that behalf which in all probability they may expect by the next ships. And till such his further pleasure be declared his Highness and the Council recommend it to them that the public peace of the Plantation be diligently attended, that love be cherished and the great interest of religion be owned and countenanced "whereby you will engage God's care over you, who alone can make your affairs prosperous and more oblige this State tenderly to improve their opportunity for your protection and encouragement. Signed in the name and by order of his Highness and the Council. Henry Lawrence, President."

Read and approved in Council 31 December 1653.

(*Interregnum Entry Book*, Vol. 103, pp. 27, 28.)

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